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House File 2924 establishes a method to determine whether individual solar electric generating projects should be considered as a single project for the purpose of determining whether they collectively reach a threshold of 50 megawatts, which would make them subject to the Public Utility Commission's jurisdiction with respect to siting the projects.

The bill requires that the capacity of individual solar projects be combined when they are constructed within a 12-month period and exhibit characteristics of being a single development, as evidenced by the ownership structure, an umbrella sales arrangement, revenue sharing arrangements, and common financing.

The Department of Commerce may, upon an applicant's request, make a determination of project size, but the chair of the commission shall make the final determination.